

NOVELTY HILL

2014 CASCADIA

TASTING NOTES

An elegant, richly textured Bordeaux blend with delicate aromas of ripe cherries, chocolate and spice. This is a graceful wine with a lively mouthful of dark summer berries and sweet black cherries that linger across a long, focused finish.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season gave winemakers yet another picture perfect vintage. Spring conditions were moderate, free of frost and other weather worries. Summer temperatures were warm and stayed that way through harvest. Picking started before Labor Day, with the Columbia Valley's classic warm daytime temperatures and cool autumn evenings providing enough natural acidity to give finished wines their bright, fresh finish.

VINEYARDS

Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the most talked about Red Mountain plantings in the last several years and was selected for this lavish Cab-based blend for its concentrated, dark fruit flavors and bold tannins. Novelty Hill's Stillwater Creek estate vineyard Merlot, with its dark, saturated color and perfumed aromatics, is always one of our favorite wines each vintage and was paired with Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon to create a seamless blend. Stillwater Creek Vineyard Malbec rounds out the front and mid-palate.

WINEMAKING

- Handpicked grapes were pumped over during fermentation to extract color and flavor while avoiding harsh tannins
- Fermentation was finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- A careful selection of the finest lots of the vintage chosen to achieve a seamless assemblage of color, aromatics, texture and length
- Aged 22 months in French oak barrels, half new

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	52% Cabernet Sauvignon 46% Merlot 2% Malbec
Cases	305
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.64
Total Acidity	0.55 g/100 ml
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